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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S VISIT: INVITATION FOR DR. BRZEZINSKI

- 1. DR. BOLAJI AKINYEMI, DIRECTOR OF THE NIGERIAN INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (NIIA), IN LAGOS, HAS INVITED DR. BRZEZINSKI TO VISIT NIIA TO MEET HIS STAFF AND TAKE A TOUR OF THE INSTITUTE'S FACILITIES, WHICH HE ANTICIPATES WOULD TAKE ABOUT 15 MINUTES.
- 2. DR. AKINYEMI, WHO MET DR. BRZEZINSKI DURING OBASANJO'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, RECEIVED HIS PH.D. FROM OXFORD UNIVERSITY AND HIS VOICE IS ONE OF THE MORE INFLUENTIAL IN THE MAKING OF NIGERIAN FOREIGN POLICY. NIIA WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1963 AS AN INDEPENDENT UNOFFICIAL, NONPOLITICAL, NONPROFIT-MAKING ORGANIZATION BUT TAKEN OVER BY THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT IN 1971 TO SERVE AS ITS FOREIGN POLICY "THINK TANK".
- 3. WE HAVE MADE NO COMMITMENT TO DR. AKINYEMI, PENDING DISCUSSION WITH DR. BRZEZINSKI. IN LOOKING OVER THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE, SEVERAL PERIODS OF TIME APPEAR FEASIBLE IF DR. BRZEZINSKI WISHES TO ACCEPT THE INVITALIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TION. ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 1, THERE IS ALMOST THREE HOURS FREE TIME AFTER THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AND BEFORE THE OFFICIAL PARTY LEAVES FOR A CULTURAL PROGRAM AT 7:20 P.M. ON SUNDAY, APRIL 2, DR. BRZEZINKSI COULD SUBSTITUTE A VISIT TO NIIA FOR EITHER CHURCH SERVICES AT 9:00 A.M. OR THE PORT TOUR IN THE AFTERNOON BETWEEN 2:30 AND 4:00 P.M.

4. DR. AKINYEMI WOULD APPRECIATE ON ANSWER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO HE CAN MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS.
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